

MINUTES
EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

City Council Chamber

4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Council President Weld called the meeting to order. The following Council Members were present in-person: Jill Christopherson and Terry Weld. The following Council Members were present remotely: Emily Anderson, Kate Beaton, Emily Berge, Catherine Emmanuelle, Jeremy Gragert, David Klinkhammer, John Lor, Andrew Werthmann and Mai Xiong.

UPDATE

Update by Interim City Manager Solberg regarding City operations and local response during the COVID-19 pandemic.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on Tuesday, February 23, 2021:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the February 9, 2021 Council Legislative Session.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Authorizing the Fire Department to apply for grant monies from the Presto Foundation to purchase three gear extractors.
- Establishing the Masonic Temple, 616 Graham Avenue, as a temporary voting site for Wards 31 & 32 for the April 6, 2021 Spring Election.
- Authorizing a public hearing regarding the City's intention to order the repair of city-wide sidewalk and curb and gutter according to Section 66.0907, Wisconsin Statutes, at 49 locations beginning with 1503 Rust Street, Parcel No. 03-0788 (addresses within the SunRae Mesa 1st Addition and SunRae Mesa 2nd Addition are being added to this year's repair list due to a lapse in 10-year installation requirement).
- Declaring the City's intention to exercise its special assessment powers under Section 66.0703, Wisconsin Statutes, for street, utility, and sidewalk improvements, and directing the City Clerk to give notice of a hearing to be scheduled on the following streets:
 - Riverview Drive, North Boat Launch to 2,700 Feet West of Airport Road (21-105);
 - Keith Street, Clairemont Avenue to Brackett Avenue (21-109).

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Beaton "to adopt the consent resolution." Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

PROCLAMATION

President Weld read a proclamation recognizing February 2021 as Black History Month and further encouraging all citizens to celebrate our diverse heritage and culture, and continue our efforts to create a community that is more inclusive, respectful, just, peaceful, and equitable for all.

ALLEY IMPROVEMENTS

The City Council reconsidered a final resolution (No. 2021-26) approving the project and levying special assessments for improvements on the following alleys:

- Alley South of Broadway Street, Fifth Avenue to Fourth Avenue (21-501);
- Alley South of Broadway Street, Seventh Avenue to Sixth Avenue (21-502);
- Alley South of Broadway Street, Eighth Avenue to Seventh Avenue (21-503);
- Alley South of Altoona Avenue, Enterprise Street to East End (21-504);
- Alley East of Ninth Street, Platt Street to Vine Street (21-505);
- Alley East of Ninth Street, Maple Street to Walnut Street (21-506);
- Alley East of Ninth Street, Cedar Street to North End (21-507);
- Alley East of Eighth Street, Platt Street to Vine Street (21-508);
- Alley East of Bellinger Street, Fifth Avenue to Randall Street (21-509);
- Alley East of Doty Street, Emery Street to Seaver Street (21-511).

Council Member Christopherson requested that the Alley East of Ninth Street, Maple Street to Walnut Street (21-506), be considered separately. No objection was voiced and said project was separated for consideration.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution” with Project No. 21-506 separated. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a final resolution approving the project and levying special assessments for improvements on the Alley East of Ninth Street, Maple Street to Walnut Street (21-506). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion failed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Berge and Emmanuelle. Nay: Council members Anderson, Beaton, Christopherson, Gragert, Klinkhammer, Lor, Weld, Werthmann and Xiong.

KANE ROAD

The City Council considered a final resolution approving the project and levying special assessments for street and utility improvements on Kane Road, Folsom Street to STH 312 (21-112). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Klinkhammer and seconded by Council Member Lor “to adopt the resolution.” Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Emmanuelle “to postpone” to the March 9, 2021 Council meeting. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS

The City Council considered a final resolution approving the project and levying special assessments for street and utility improvements on the following streets:

- Eddy Lane, Venus Avenue to Starr Avenue (21-103);
- Lake Street, W. Grand Avenue to Fifth Avenue (21-106);
- Omaha Street, Starr Avenue to McDonough Street (21-107);
- Garfield Avenue, Park Avenue to State Street (21-104);
- Wildwood Court, Woodridge Drive to North End (21-111);
- Mitscher Avenue, Halsey Street to 325 Feet West (21-201).

Council Member Anderson requested that Wildwood Court, Woodridge Drive to North End (21-111), be considered separately. No objection was voiced and said project was separated for consideration.

Council Member Werthmann requested that Omaha Street, Starr Avenue to McDonough Street (21-107), be considered separately. No objection was voiced and said project was separated for consideration.

Council Member Gragert requested that Garfield Avenue, Park Avenue to State Street (21-104), be considered separately. No objection was voiced and said project was separated for consideration.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Xiong “to adopt the resolution” with Project Nos. 21-104, 21-107 and 21-111 separated. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

OMAHA STREET

The City Council considered a final resolution approving the project and levying special assessments for street and utility improvements on Omaha Street, Starr Avenue to McDonough Street (21-107). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Berge “to postpone” to the March 8 & 9, 2021 Council meetings. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

GARFIELD AVENUE

The City Council considered a final resolution approving the project and levying special assessments for street and utility improvements on Garfield Avenue, Park Avenue to State Street (21-104). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Beaton “to adopt the resolution.”

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Gragert and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to amend the resolution” by including 6-foot bike lanes and 11-foot travel lanes in each direction designated by additional pavement markings and supplemental signage. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Beaton, Berge, Christopherson, Emmanuelle, Gragert, Werthmann and Xiong. Nay: Council Members Klinkhammer, Lor and Weld.

A vote was then taken “to adopt the resolution” as amended. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

WILDWOOD COURT

The City Council considered a final resolution approving the project and levying special assessments for street and utility improvements on Wildwood Court, Woodridge Drive to North End (21-111).

A moment of silence was held at 5:46 p.m. to remember the more than 500,000 of our fellow Americans lost to COVID-19.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.” Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to postpone” to the March 8 & 9, 2021 Council meetings. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

SIDEWALKS

The City Council considered a resolution ordering sidewalk to be repaired in accordance with Wisconsin Statute s. 66.0907 on the following streets:

- Eddy Lane, Venus Avenue to Starr Avenue (21-103);
- Lake Street, W. Grand Avenue to Fifth Avenue (21-106);
- Omaha Street, Starr Avenue to McDonough Street (21-107);
- Garfield Avenue, Park Avenue to State Street (21-104).

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

STATE/MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a State/Municipal Agreement for a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Project for the construction of Half Moon Trail, from Madison Street to Folsom Street, as part of State Project 7995-02-68/69. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Lor and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to adopt the resolution.”

Council Member Klinkhammer left the meeting.

A vote was then taken to “adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

LEASE AGREEMENT

The City Council considered a resolution approving a lease agreement with 306 S. Barstow Street, LLC, for the premise located at 219 S. Barstow Street, also referred to as the Four Corners Parking Lot. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Xiong and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion failed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Berge, Emmanuelle, Lor and Weld. Nay: Council Members Beaton, Christopherson, Gragert, Werthmann and Xiong.

WORKERS’ COMPENSATION PROGRAM

The City Council considered a resolution approving the continuation of the City of Eau Claire’s self-insured workers’ compensation program. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Beaton and seconded by Council Member Berge “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

EXCESS LAND

The City Council considered a resolution declaring land at 0 Jeffers Road (14-071-B) excess land and authorizing the sale to the Saving Grace Lutheran Church, Inc. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Emmanuelle “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP

The City Council considered a resolution approving a Certified Survey Map with right-of-way dedication for property located at 3067 Mercury Avenue (File CSM-2-21). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Gragert and seconded by Council Member Lor “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ANNUAL WORK PLAN

The City Council considered a resolution approving the Housing Opportunities Commission 2021 Annual Work Plan. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Xiong “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ANNEXATION

The Council considered an ordinance annexing land to the City of Eau Claire located at Graff Road, Town of Washington, Eau Claire County, as shown on Planning Drawing No. 21-1A (Wurzer Builders Annexation (Petition #14361). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Beaton “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

KEEPING OF POULTRY

The Council considered an ordinance amending Chapter 6.15 entitled “Keeping of Poultry” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion failed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Berge, Christopherson and Weld.
Nay: Council Members Anderson, Beaton, Emmanuelle, Gragert, Lor, Werthmann and Xiong.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: February 23, 2021

Time: 7:54 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Terry L. Weld
Council President

/s/ Carrie L. Riepl
City Clerk